

**REMARKS**

By the present amendment, claim 12 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 1, and claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is submitted that the amendment only incorporates claims and cancel claims, and that no new issues are raised. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present application. Claim 12 is the only independent claim.

**Art rejection**

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 6,817,984 to Robinson et al. ("Robinson").

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled by the present amendment. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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If this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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